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Thanks

... to those who supported our swimmers at this week's Zone Swimming Sports at Kokopu School

... to those who have volunteered their time, and those who have worked so hard, in the run up to next week's camp.

People of the week

... our zone swimming team .. great reports filtering back to school .. well done!

... Cody Mitchell for an amazing piece of writing this week. Can't wait for the next instalment Cody.

A Special Message to those attending camp

Have a fantastic camp. Support each other. Achieve your goals.

Parent visitors ... if visiting camp please pitch in and relieve the load of the longer stay parents where you can. Camp can be hard work, and any help you can offer will always be appreciated.

Term calendar ... More to follow as dates come to hand!

6 - 9 March	Year 5 and 6 camp
12 March	School Swimming Sports (years 4 to 8)
14 March	Interschool Swimming Sports
15 March	School Swimming Sports (years 1 to 3)
19 March	Junior Marine Trip 1
20 March	School Duathlon - Teams Event
21 March	School Duathlon - Individual Event
26 March	Junior Marine Trip 2
27 March	ESOL Trip (more to follow)
9 April	Visiting Drama Group
11 April	Northland Swim Champs
13 April	Final day of term 1 (30 April first day of term 2)

School Swimming Sports

Our school swimming sports are scheduled for

Senior (Y4-8s) Swimming Sports ... 12 March starting at approx. 10.30 finishing at 3pm

Junior (Y1-3s) Swimming Sports ... 15 March ... starting approx. 1.30pm, finishing at 3pm

All parents, grandparents & whanau most welcome to come & support the children. More info to follow.

Thank you to Graeme Bird Concrete Cutting and Drilling who are sponsors of this year's School Swimming Sports.

In last week's newsletter (available via our website - newsletter tab, or from the office on request)

Parent Helpers

Support with digital devices

Junior Discovery Time

Sun Safety

School contributions and events fee

Thank you to those who have already paid school contributions and fees. Parents with outstanding school contributions and fees and are asked to get these to the office at their nearest convenience please. The school contribution is voluntary, but the board encourages people to pay out of fairness to other families. The events fee is used to pay for visiting drama groups and special events but is not required where a parent requests that their child is exempted from these events. Happy to discuss alternative payment arrangements which make things easier for you. Thank you.

International Schools English and Maths Competitions

Consent forms for the above competitions will be sent out after camp. Please ensure your child knows if you wish them to be involved, and let the office know if you think they might be inclined to "forget" this.

Junior Trip to Reotahi

Marine reserve snorkel at Whangarei Harbour Marine Reserve (Reotahi)

Monday 19th March (Rooms 3 & 4)

Monday 26th March (Rooms 1, 2, 5)

We will need a lot of parent help on this day for the water based activities, so please reserve these dates if at all possible. Further information will be sent home shortly.

Year 5 and 6 Camp - 6th-9th March 2018

Please note that retrospective accommodations can be made for time payment of camp fees (\$160) ... just see Kevin for a confidential chat.

Headlice Inspections

Parents are asked to check their children's hair weekly please, and to respond promptly in the event of infestation. Collective responsibility here, means we stay on top of this problem. Thank you.

Matarau School Netball Teams

If your child would like to play Netball for the school & you haven't already returned the form please contact the office on Monday. Any queries to Miranda Pol please.

Matarau School Hockey Teams - Years 2-6

If your child is interested in playing hockey for Matarau this year & they didn't bring a form home, please contact Helen in the office. Forms need to be returned to the office by next Friday - 9th March so that teams can be formed & coaches/managers appointed. The games are played on Saturday mornings at the Kensington hockey turf from 5th May until late August. Children will need their own hockey stick, shin pads, mouthguard & navy blue hockey socks. The cost to play is \$70 for the season. Any queries please to either Helen in the office or Katie Donaldson.



Needing help with your child's digital device?

Mr D is happy to answer any questions you might have and can be contacted via our school email.

School Direction for 2018

For those unable to make this week's meeting, a further reminder that staff are more than keen to share our intentions for 2018 with any interested person. You will also find a very basic summary of our curriculum direction on our website ... just click on **Curriculum Information** and then **Current Curriculum Focus**. Our full charter will be added to our website shortly for those wanting to look deeper and wider. Kevin is also available by appointment, and is happy to speak with individuals or groups.

Parents are welcome at board meetings

Agendas for forthcoming Board Meeting are displayed on the noticeboard by the hall the week prior to the meeting. A speaking time is allocated to parents (usually around 10 minutes). Parents are also welcome to ask questions on topics of interest to them. If you let the office know of your attendance in advance, we will prepare material for you.

Finally

Over recent weeks we have done quite a bit of communicating and sharing. We love connecting with you. Thank you for your contributions to interviews, for your attendance at meetings, and for the encouragement you give to staff. When it comes to communication, sometimes we guess a bit at what we think you might like to know. If there are bits we miss, just let us know, and we will do our best to create the sorts of conversations you want, on topics of special interest to you.

Regards
Kevin Trehwella
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Matarau School After School Care

Each afternoon after school in the Hall

Starts at 3:00 - 5:45pm, with homework support, afternoon tea, arts and crafts

Cost \$6 per child per hour

Contact Kim on 021 066 3806

School Lunches

Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

Fridays - \$4.00 - Hot Mince Pie, Mince & Cheese Pie, Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar) or a Butter Chicken Wrap and a Fruit Drink. Or swap the Fruit drink for a Milk for \$5.00.

PLUS NEW - \$4.50 - Ham or Chicken Salad Wrap or Salad Wrap with a juice
\$2.50 - Cup of Chilled Watermelon or Pineapple, or a mixed cup.

Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday.

Community Notices

Battery Recycling Please note that EcoSolutions will collect household batteries for recycling. Please drop your used batteries into them at 141 Cameron Street - next to the Toolshed.

Kamo Touch A Truck! The Kamo Fire Brigade are running their annual fundraising day. Sunday 18th March, Hurupaki School 10am – 3pm. Many local community businesses that have come together to support this event by offering machinery and vehicles of all shapes and sizes for kids to learn about, climb in and have some great hands on experiences with. There will be Rides, Food, Fire Fighting Combat Challenge and competitions.

Mangakahia Junior Rugby Rally Day Will be held on Saturday 17 March 2018 from 10am-12pm at the Mangakahia Complex. For more information contact Kylie Livingston on 021 122 7063.

Ruatangata Junior Hockey Club Registration - If your child is interested in playing hockey this year please send details to ruatangatajmc@gmail.com, including name, school, age, year at school and DOB.

Primary/Intermediate School Doubles Tennis Tournament – Run by Tennis Northland Inc
Wednesday 7 March 2018 (rain delay Wed 14 March 2018). Venue: Thomas Neale Family Courts, 46
Winger Crescent, Kamo, Whangarei. Entry forms coming out soon. Contact Jill Lynch, via email at
tennisnorthland@xtra.co.nz for more information.

Table Tennis for children in Years 5-8 Come and have fun and learn Table Tennis skills in our top class;
Table Tennis Stadium at Kensington Park. Wednesdays 3.30-5.00pm; \$40 subscription for a year or \$2
casual fee per session. We have bats for sale or they may be hired for \$1. Soft soled non marking
shoes must be worn. Ph Jessica 027 925 4538.

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(school staff, parents, extended Whanau). There are some terms and conditions to be met and
these are fully disclosed on the voucher – ask at the school office.

Whangarei District Council consultation meeting - Long Term Plan 2018 - 2028
Thursday 15th March 2018 6.30 pm to be held at Ruatangata Public Hall. Come along and have your say.

Children's Day this Sunday 10am at The Pulse (Free!)

Slippery slide, giveaways, face painting, bubbles, sausage sizzle, art, music, police demo, entertainment and
heaps heaps more fun!

MaungaMayhem Adventure Race

Saturday 24th March beside Maungatapere Mountain; hosted by Maungatapere
School. Obstacles include an amazing water slide, run through Maize, a mud pit, pond, over
tyres, haybale hurdles, scramble nets, a giant spiders web, balance beams, water
sprinklers, and much, much more.

There are three great race options to suit all ability levels and lots of fun for families.
Children's race (mini mayhem) is only \$20 to enter, or \$25 for a parent/child team (mixed
mayhem) and \$25 for the Major Mayhem for bigger kids/adults (12yrs and over).

There will be food and drinks available and a fun, festive atmosphere. Maungatapere School
sends a warm invitation to all students, staff, friends and families of Matarau School to join us
for a day of family fun. More info on www.maungamayhem.co.nz which includes ticket
purchase.

**Our Senior Ki-O-Rahi Squad at the
InterSchool Competition at Kensington today**

